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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 23-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 09/23/00	Previous Week 09/16/00
Bro-Fry	159,439	158,105
Lt Hens	1,659	1,738
Hvy Hens	1,670	1,577

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 16-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	401	0	401
Last Week	235	20	255
Same Wk Yr Ago	409	0	409
To Date 2000	17,241	291	17,532
To Date 1999	17,446	199	17,645

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,214	1,570	3,784
Last Week	1,724	1,316	3,040
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,423	1,484	3,901
To Date 2000	88,593	53,485	142,078
To Date 1999	95,568	51,318	146,886

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 16-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	160,820 (A)	1,813	1,570	3,383
Avg Wt	4.94	3.42	8.03	5.56
Last Week	134,859	1,489	1,296	2,785
Same Week Yr Ago	152,393	2,014	1,484	3,498
Avg Wt	4.87	3.40	8.04	5.37
To-Date/2000	5,725,401	71,352	53,194	124,546
To-Date/1999	5,606,642	78,122	51,119	129,241

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 149.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.8 million head or 13.4 million head less than or 109 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending September 9, 2000**

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	23,867	18,621	25,522
Avg Weight	3.75	4.78	6.13
% Of Total /1	35%	27%	38%
Comparisons			
Last Week	39,522	28,265	43,701
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.91
% Of Total /1	35%	25%	39%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	23,035	31,506	27,691
Avg Weight	3.89	4.77	6.06
% Of Total /1	28%	38%	34%

To Date/2000	1,197,201	1,185,903	1,457,738
To Date/1999	1,168,915	1,101,139	1,467,374

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 16-Sep-00
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B) Hens	Toms	Young Breederers	Old Breederers	Total
Head	2,286	2,909	52	47	5,294
Avg Wt	15.34	31.77	24.07	26.89	24.55
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,043	2,414	37	30	4,524
Same Week Yr Ago	4,805 (C)		13	29	4,847
Avg Wt	24.95 (C)		24.46	28.48	24.97
To-Date/2000	173,311 (C)		1,000	1,036	175,347
To-Date/1999	176,703 (C)		559	1,320	178,582
CHECK TOTAL	12,143,786	163,632	115,880	272,008	406,341

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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